GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER TAPI
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of work of construction of additional two-lane bridge across river Tapi near Surat;

(b) whether the local organizations has represented to NHAI regarding the slow progress of work;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in execution of the work;

(d) the action taken by the Government for completion of work; and

(e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) A new three lane 442 m long bridge is under construction across river Tapi on NH 8 at km 246/4-8 near Surat. At present 2 nos. of RCC Slabs with girders for superstructure, 7 nos. of piers for substructures and 10 nos. of well foundations have already been completed at site and the remaining works are also in progress at site.

(b) Yes sir.

(c) The matter of slow progress has been represented through VIP references as well as from Govt. of Gujarat. 12 representations have been received from various other sources during the period Dec. 06 to July 08. The reason for slow progress was inadequate mobilization of plant, material, machineries, poor managerial control etc. by the previous contractor who had been initially awarded this work.

(d) & (e) The contractor, who was executing this work, was terminated by NHAI and thereafter the balance work of this bridge was awarded to BOT concessionaire of the ongoing six laning project on BOT basis from Bharuch to Surat section under change in scope provisions of Concession Agreement and presently the execution of balance work of this bridge has been taken up by the BOT concessionaire. The likely date of completion is July 2009 i.e by the completion time for construction work for six/laning of Bharuch-Surat Section on BOT basis.